

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-8 were pending in the application, but claims 2 and 5 are cancelled with this amendment. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 were rejected in the present Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 were objected to for various informalities. Claims 1, 3 and 6-8 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant respectfully appreciates that the Examiner submitted that claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all elements of claim 5, including the limitation from claim 2, which claim 5 was dependent from. Therefore, independent claims 1 is allowable.

Objection to Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 were objected to for various informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 so that the word "transverse" is not used as a verb. The reworded phrasing in claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 is "arranged transverse to . . .," rather than "arranged to transverse" This amendment is purely for clarity and is unrelated to patentability.

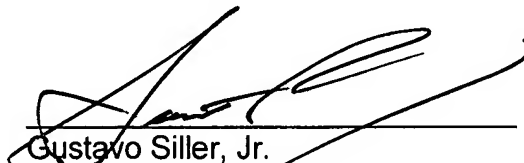
Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-8 under 35U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 were rejected under §102(b) or §102(e) over various references. However, the Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment overcomes the rejection. Independent claim 1 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion incorporate the elements of claims 2 and 5. Claims 3, 4 and 6-8, being claims dependent on allowable claim 1 are without more, allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8 are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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